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VALENT U.S.A. CORPORATION AND
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

VALENT U.S.A. CORPORATION AND
SUMITOMO CHEMICAL CO. LTD.

Case No. CV 08 0720 RS

Plaintiffs,

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION OF
ATTORNEY *PRO HAC VICE* (MICHAEL
A. OAKES)**

v.

SYNGENTA CROP PROTECTION, INC.

Defendant.

Pursuant to Civil L.R. 11-3, Michael A. Oakes, an active member in good standing of the bar of the District of Columbia, hereby applies for admission to practice in the Northern District of California on a pro hac vice basis representing Plaintiffs Valent U.S.A. Corporation and Sumitomo Chemical Co. Ltd in the above-entitled action.

In support of this application, I certify on oath that:

1. I am an active member in good standing of a United States Court or of the highest court of another State or the District of Columbia, as indicated above;

2. I agree to abide by the Standards of Professional Conduct set forth in Civil Local Rule 11-4, to comply with General Order No. 45, Electronic Case Filing, and to become familiar with the Local Rules and the Alternative Dispute Resolution programs of this Court; and,

3. An attorney who is a member of the bar of this Court in good standing and who maintains an office within the State of California has been designated as co-counsel in the above-

1 entitled action. The name, address and telephone number of that attorney is:

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7 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

8 Dated: FEBRUARY 13, 2008



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